

**Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities Maryland**  
**Department of Aging**  
**September 9, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Members Present**

Rona Kramer, Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging  
Claudia Balog, 1199 SEIU, United Health Workers East  
Honorable Pamela Beidle, Member of the Finance Committee  
Mia Brust, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Frederick County  
Eric Colchamiro, Representing Alzheimer's Association, Greater MD Chapter  
Virginia Crespo, United Seniors of Maryland  
Honorable Addi Eckardt, Member of Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Catherine Hamel, MD Hospital Association  
Delegate Ken Kerr, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Hope Morris, Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM)  
Beverly Mylar, Consumer Representative  
Stefani O'Dea, Behavioral Health Association  
Margo Quinlan, MHA of MD  
Heather Reed, MDH  
Kirsten Robb-McGrath, Director of Health and Behavioral Policy, Department of Disabilities  
Karen Sylvester, AAA Director, Prince George's County  
Greg Seseck, Manager of Programs, Human Services  
Joanne L. Smikle, Consumer Representative  
Heang Tan, AAA Director, Baltimore City  
Lorrie Van Akkeren, Voices for Quality Care

**Members Absent**

Afshin Abedi, Maryland Association of Adult Day Services  
Delegate Lisa Belcastro, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Steven Bloyd, Assisted Living Facility  
Stevanne Ellis, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Kathryn Graning, Mid-Atlantic Lifespan  
Phyllis Meyerson, Maryland Chapter, AARP  
Dr. Patricia Nay, OHCQ

**Staff Present**

Alexandra Baldi, Maryland Department of Aging  
Carol Fenderson, Deputy Director, State Programs, Office of Health Care Quality  
Lisa O'Connor, Maryland Department of Aging  
Tyler Babich, Department of Legislative Services

**Greetings and Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Rona Kramer welcomed members. Roll call was taken and there were enough members present for a quorum. The April 14, 2021, and June 23, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

**Updates from the Department of Aging**

MDoA, in conjunction with the Department of Health, has been publishing a weekly report on Nursing Home Facilities noting the status of vaccination of the staff and residents.

**Presentation: Nursing Home Medicaid Reimbursement**

Jarrod Terry, Assistant Director, Long Term Care Services, MDH, gave a presentation on Nursing Home Medicaid Reimbursement update for FY2022.

**Presentation: Nursing Home Family Experience of Care Survey**

Stacy Howes, Ph.D., Chief, Long Term Care and Health Plan Quality Initiatives, Center for Quality Measurement and Reporting, MHCC, gave a presentation on the Nursing Home Family Experience of Care Survey.

**Updates from Subcommittee**

Eric Colchamiro gave the update. The Subcommittee met on July 22, 2021, and discussed how to focus on the work of the Full Committee at the start of the pandemic and moving forward. The subcommittee agreed to meet in the Fall to focus on the annual report to present to the Full Committee for its consideration. We also agreed on one additional meeting in late January of each year to hear a presentation from the Department of Legislative Services staff assigned to the Committee about legislation related to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to recommend a position to the Full Committee regarding that legislation. The subcommittee meeting for 2022 has been scheduled for January 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Eric Colchamiro made a motion to the Full Committee to add two brief additional meetings to the current calendar of Full Committee meetings. They could be chaired by Secretary Kramer or her designee. The first meeting would be on or around December 2, 2021, with the intent to vote on and approve an annual report for the Full Committee after the Subcommittees meeting in late November 2021. This would enable the report to include Dr. Nay's annual report from the Office of Health Care Quality. The second meeting would be on or the week of, January 24, 2022. The intent of this meeting, if necessary, would be to review and/or determine the position of the subcommittee's recommendation on legislation. Lorrie Van Akkeren seconded this motion.

Senator Beidle stated the legislative representatives will be back in session in January 2022 and suggested the meeting date be held around session committee meeting and, also notated that bills may still be coming in. Senator Eckardt suggested later in the afternoon may work or that Monday and that Department of Legislative Services may be very busy. The motion was approved.

Secretary Kramer stated we will be needing to draft the report and asked anyone interested in working on the draft, to please an email to Alexandra Baldi.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 1:00-3:00 PM

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

